3. No. 287/84-Customs dated 9-12-1984.

4. No. 57/85-Customs dated 17-3-1985.

5. No. 89/85-Customs dated 17-3-1985.

6. No. 11/86-Customs dated 17-1-1986.

7. No. 77/86-Customs dated 17-2-1986.

8. No. 136/86-Customs dated 17-2-1986.

9. No. 179/86-Customs dated 1-3-1986.

10. No. 271/86-Customs dated 28-4-1986.

11. No. 14/88-Customs dated 1-3-1988.

12. No. 213/88-Custorns dated 30-6-1988.

13. No. 296/88-Customs dated 1-11-1988.

These notifications contain the names of all bulk drugs and intermediates (which number over 430) which are charged to concessional rates of customs duty or exempted from customs duty. The above notifications have been duly laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The following notifications issued as part of the 1989 Budget prescribe concessional rates of cus toms duty in respect of drugs and in termediates:

1. No. 42/89-Customs dated 1-3-1989.

2. No. 45/89-Customs dated 1-3-1989.

3. No. 46/89-Customs dated 1-3-1989.

(c) and (d) Concession in customs duty is granted inter alia to encourage indigenous production of bulk drugs/ formulations. The prices of specified drugs are fixed by the administrative Ministry under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. While fixing the prices of drugs under this Order, the extent of reduction of customs duty i_s taken into account. In the case of drugs which are not under price control, drug manufacturers and their Associations are advised by the administrative Ministry to pass on. the benefit to the extent of duty concession to the consumers.

Forgery in banks

1674. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of forgery in banks detected during the last one year and the amount in volved;

(b) what is the number of cases in which bank employees were found involved; and

(c) what is the number of cases in which action has so far been taken against the guilty employees and the number of cases in which action is yet to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the present data maintenance system does not generate information about cases of forgery in banks separately. RBI has, however, intimated that during 1988 (till September) 28 public sector banks have reported to RBI 1382 cases of fraud from within the country involving an amount of Rs. 2005.23 lakhs. Details of action taken by banks against the delinquent employees involved in cases of frauds during 1988 (till September) are as under: —

(i) No. of employees convicted on charges of frauds—73.

(ii) No. of employees given major/minor penalties—509.

(Data provisional)